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During the war between the Byzantine and Sasanian empires in the early 7th century A.D., the Sasanian king, Khusru II, captured Jerusalem and carried off to Persia the Holy Cross as a spoil of war. The Byzantine emperor Heraclius began his great counter offensive in 622 A.D., and, after 6 years of intense battle, the Persians were utterly defeated. As the Sasanian Empire lay in ruin, Heraclius restored the Holy Cross to Jerusalem.

The Cross was transported, accompanied by pilgrims, across Asia Minor to Constantinople and finally home to Jerusalem. During this journey, legend has it that a piece of the wooden crucifix was removed and burned, its ashes mixed with clay and tokens commemorating its return were made.

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Pilgrim's Tokens



ACTUAL SIZE

Sasanian Empire

Khusru II (591-628 A.D.)

Silver Dirhem. The obverse features the crowned bust of the king, Khusru II, while the reverse depicts a fire altar and two attendants, a reference to the Zoroastrian faith.

Each coin grades Superb Extremely Fine

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Khusru II



"Bust of Christ" Coin

Byzantine Empire and 'The Bust of Christ Coins'

An interesting series of bronze coins were introduced during the 10th century. What made these coins special was that the names of the emperors by whom they were issued were not shown on the coins. Instead, each portrays the bust of Christ on the obverse and an inscription on the reverse hailing "Jesus Christ, King of Kings." These are among the earliest coins to portray Christ.

Large at approximately 30 mm. diameter, the coins grade Choice Very Fine, a very high grade since they are usually found in well worn condition.

"Bust of Christ Coins"

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Set of 3 "Coins and Tokens of Christianity"

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The Famous "Poor Widow's Mite"



Not actual size — enlarged

"And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how people cast money into the treasury; and many that were rich cast in much. And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing."

"And He called unto Him His disciples, and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast more in than all they which have cast into the treasury: For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she in her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living."

— Mark 12:41-44

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Each Judaeen Widow's Mite has been carefully selected for strike and detail and each is a one-in-a-thousand coin. While common low quality mites can be had for under \$10.00 each, these exceptional specimens are a bargain at our special price.

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Choice condition Judaeen "Widow's Mite"

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Silver Tetradrachms of Alexander III "the Great"



Alexander III "the Great" (336-323 B.C.) became king of the small Greek state of Macedon after the death of his father, Philip II, in 336 B.C. Over the next 13 years he led a relatively small army to the conquest of virtually the entire world. By the age of 36, he was dead.

Alexander believed that he was a direct descendent of the legendary Greek hero Herakles (Hercules). Before each battle and after each victory, Alexander would perform ritual sacrifices to both Herakles and to the king of all Greek gods, Zeus. It is not surprising then that Alexander selected these two figures to appear on his coinage.

The silver tetradrachm weighs approximately 17 grams (well over a half ounce). The obverse depicts the head of Herakles wearing the skin of the Nemean Lion, which he had to slay as one of his Twelve Labors. The facial features were undoubtedly modeled after those of Alexander himself. The reverse features Zeus seated on a throne. He holds a scepter in one hand, and an eagle rests on his outstretched palm. The name ALEXANDER (in Greek) appears along the far right side of the reverse.

Choice Very Fine condition

\$275.00 each

Selections from our inventory

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ANCIENT COINAGE

[AC1] **LUCANIA-Metapontum**. 325-280 B.C. **AR Didrachm** (7.82g.). Head of Demeter, veiled in corn, r. Rev. Ear of barley, ethnic at l., star at r. SNG Cop. 1229. Johnston C8. 15-8, 16.

Very Fine, well centered

\$275



AC1

[AC2] **SICILY-Syracuse**. Democracy, 289-288 B.C. **AE 23**. Laur. and beardless hd. of Zeus Hellaios r. Rev. Eagle stg. l. on thunderbolt, wings open. S. 1212 var.

Extremely Fine

\$250



AC2

[AC3] **MACEDON**. Alexander III, "the Great" 336-323 B.C. **AR Tetradrachm** (17.16g.) of Tyre, 305-290 B.C. Hed of Heracles. Rev. Zeus seated l., holding eagle and scepter, monogram at l. and below throne. Price 3529. Muller 1589.

Extremely Fine, fine style

\$525



AC3

[AC4] **ATTICA-Athens**, after 449 B.C. **AR Tetradrachm** (16.98g.). Hd. of Athena r., wearing crested helmet. Rev. Owl stg. r., hd. facing, tail feathers as a single prong, all in incuse square. S. 2526 var. Starr "Issues after 449 B.C.," No. 7.

Superb! Nearly Mint State, struck on a very wide flan

\$1500



AC4

[AC5] **PARTHIAN KINGDOM**. Phraates III, 70-57 B.C. **AR Drachm**. Diademed and cuirassed bust l. Rev. Archer enthroned r. Cf. S. 7400.

Extremely Fine, toned

\$75



AC5

[AC6] **PHOENICIA-Arados**. 2nd century B.C. **AR Drachm**. Bee, in field to l., P (= year 100 = 174/3 B.C.). Rev. Stag stg. r., palm tree in background. S. 5989. BMC 26.

Extremely Fine, toned

\$350



AC6

[AC7] **Phoenicia-Tyre**, after 126 B.C. **AR Shekel**. Laur. head of Melqarth r. Rev. Eagle stg. l., on prow of galley, palm branch over shoulder, club to l. "30 Pieces of Silver."

Extremely Fine

\$575



AC7

[AC8] **JUDAEA**. Bar Kochba Revolt, A.D. 132-135. **AE Middle Bronze** (24 mm.). Seven-branched palm tree with two bunches of dates. Rev. Vine leaf on tendril. H. 736. Mild. 143.

Extremely Fine, boldly struck

\$350



AC8



AC9
(Not actual size — reduced)

Selections from our inventory (cont'd)

[AC9] CENTRAL ITALY. Second Punic War, 270-200 B.C. Cast lead uniface square ingot. Weight approx. 25 oz. Surface of black 70 x 75 mm., with edges sloping in toward surface of front, which is 62 x 67 mm.; 20 mm. stem protrudes from the edge. Club flanked by legends which incorporate letters from several alphabets. Found in the vicinity of Jerusalem, this unusual lead ingot may have served as a coin substitute or performed a closely related purpose. The bizarre array of lettering, which appears to include letters from the Greek, Latin, Aramaic and possibly the Punic alphabets, renders this ingot an unusual item worthy of further research.

Very Fine, obverse scrape, corner bump, light brown patina

\$2250



AC10

[AC10] Roman Republic. Postumia 7. A. Postumius A.F. Sp. n. Albinus, 81 B.C. AR Serrated Denarius. Bust of Diana dr. r., bow and quiver on shoulder. Rev. Togate figure stg. on a rock before an altar, blessing an ox about to be sacrificed. Syd. 745. Craw. 372/1.

Choice Very Fine

\$175



AC11

[AC11] Roman Republic. Fufia 1. Q. Fufius Calenus and Mucius Cordus, 70 B.C. AR Denarius. Jugate heads of Honos and Virtus r. Rev. Roma and Italy hand in hand. Syd. 797. Craw. 403/1.

Choice Very Fine

\$225



AC12

[AC12] Roman Republic. Hosidia 1. C. Hosidius Cf. Geta, 68 B.C. AR Denarius. Diademed head of Diana dr. r. Rev. Wild boar of Calydon r., pierced by spear and attacked by dog. Syd. 903. Craw. 407/2.

Extremely Fine, lightly toned

\$350



AC13

[AC13] Roman Republic. Plancia 1. Cn. Plancius, 55 B.C. AR Denarius Head of Diana Planciana r., wearing petasus. Rev. Cretan goat. Syd. 933. Craw. 432/1.

Extremely Fine, toned

\$325

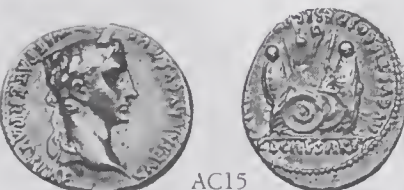


AC14

[AC14] Roman Republic. Junia 31. Q. Caepio Brutus (M. Junius Brutus), 54 B.C. AR Denarius. Head of Liberty r. Rev. The consul L. Junius Brutus walking between two lictors. Syd. 906. Craw. 433/1. Struck by Brutus, one of the assassins of Julius Caesar.

Choice Very Fine, small banker stamps on obverse near nose

\$225



AC15

[AC15] Roman Empire. Augustus 2 B.C.-A.D. 14. AR Denarius. Laur. bust of Augustus r. Rev. Caius and Lucius Caesars stg. facing, shields and spears between. C. 43. RIC 350.

Extremely Fine

\$650



AC16

[AC16] Roman Empire. Vespasian A.D. 69-79. AR Denarius. Laur. bust of Vespasian r. Rev. Ceres stg. l., holding ears of corn. C. 54. RIC 132.

Choice Very Fine

\$150



AC17

[AC17] Roman Empire. Vespasian A.D. 69-79. AE Dupondius. Radiate head of Vespasian r. Rev. Roma seated l., holding wreath. S. 799.

Choice Very Fine

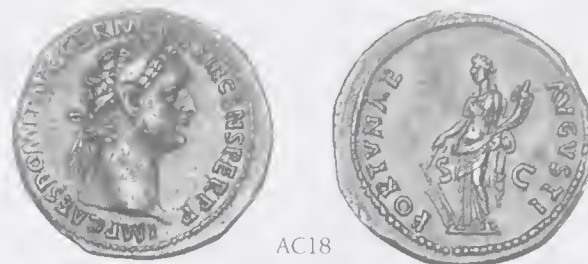
\$165

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[AC18] Roman Empire. Domitian, A.D. 81-96. AE As struck at Rome, A.D. 93-4. Laur. head facing r. Rev. Fortuna standing l., holding rudder and cornucopiae. RIC 353b. C. 125.

Extremely Fine, brown patina, copper highlights

\$375

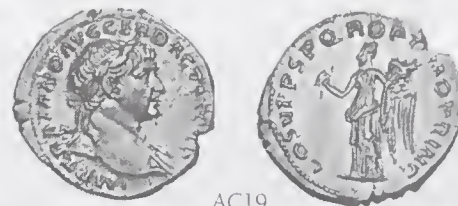


AC18

[AC19] Roman Empire. Trajan, A.D. 98-117. AR Denarius. Laur. bust r. Rev. Genius stg. l., holding patera and corn ears. C. 64a. RIC 378.

Superb Extremely Fine

\$250



AC19

[AC20] Roman Empire. Faustina Senior (wife of Antoninus Pius). Diva Faustina. AE Sestertius. Draped bust of Faustina r. Rev. Pietas stg. l., altar at feet. S. 1363.

Choice Very Fine, even reddish-brown patina

\$195



AC20

[AC21] Roman Empire. Commodus A.D. 177-192. Divo Commodus. AR Antoninianus struck by Trajan Decius after his death. Radiate head of Commodus r. Rev. Large altar. C. 1010. RIC (Dec. 94). S 1663.

Choice Very Fine, and scarce

\$150



AC21

[AC22] Roman Empire. Macrinus, A.D. 217-218. AE 26 of Macianopolis in Moesia Inferior under legate Pontianus. Laur. and cuirassed bust of Macrinus r. Rev. Fortuna stg. l., holding rudder and cornucopiae. SNG Cop. 221.

Extremely Fine, sharply struck

\$275



AC22

[AC23] Roman Empire. Trebonianus Gallus, A.D. 251-253. AE Sestertius. Laur. bust r. Rev. Juno seated facing in circular temple. S. 2799. RIC 110a. C. 50.

Choice Very Fine, sharply struck, reddish-brown patina

\$375



AC23

[AC24] Roman Empire. Probus, A.D. 276-282. AE Antoninianus. Radiate and cuirassed bust facing r. Rev. VICTORIA GERM. Trophy of arms with two captives seated at base. RIC 222.

Nearly Mint State

\$75



AC24

[AC25] Roman Empire. Probus, A.D. 276-282. AE Antoninianus (Siscia mint). Radiate bust r. Rev. Emperor stg. between standards. RIC 607.

Superb, nearly mint state

\$60



AC25

[AC26] Roman Empire. Probus, A.D. 276-282. AE Antoninianus (Ticinum mint). Helmeted bust l. Rev. Concord and Probus clasping hands.

Superb, nearly mint state

\$50



AC26

Choice Condition Late Roman Coinage

Coins of the House of Constantine

In 312 A.D. Constantine the Great defeated his rival Maxentius at the famous battle of the Milvian bridge. He attributed this great victory to the divine intervention of the Christian God when he saw the sign of the cross in the sky. This event ended the fierce persecution of the Christians, and the Roman Empire became a Christian empire.



Constantine and members of his family appear on coins of this period. We have on hand a small group of choice Very Fine to Extremely Fine quality AE 3's (approximately 19 mm) bronze coins. These were hand-picked from a large hoard uncovered several years ago when we put them aside in our vaults and forgot about them. Luckily, we just uncovered them again! These beauties could easily retail for \$95.00 each.

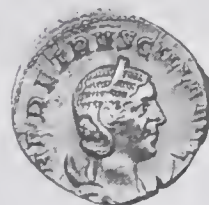
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Gordian III



Philip I



Otacilia Severa

Choice Quality Roman Silver Antoninianii

In 214 A.D. a new denomination of coin was introduced to supplement the denarius. This new silver coin, called the antoninianus after Marcus Aurelius Antoninus (Caracalla), weighed one and a half times the denarius weight but was valued at two denarii. These are easily distinguishable from the denarius as the emperor is shown with a radiate crown instead of a laurel wreath. By the time of Gordian III, this denomination had largely replaced the denarius as the coin of the realm. As this series of coinage illustrates, inflation in the third century was as great a problem as it is in modern times. We offer a selection of only choice quality, Extremely Fine condition silver antoninianii:

Gordian III (238-244 A.D.) Silver antoninianus in Extremely Fine	\$32.50
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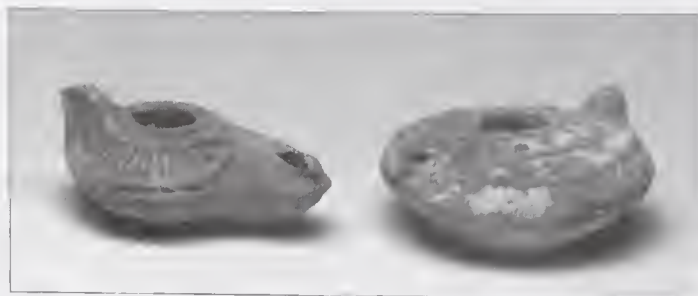
Antiquities Specials

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These terra-cotta “light bulbs” of antiquity were found in the Holy Land, in the hills outside of Jerusalem and are among the most common and affordable of all ancient artifacts. Even though these are ancient, dating from around the time of Christ to the late Roman period, these fired clay lamps are in remarkable condition. Thanks to the hot, dry desert air and sand in which they were buried, they are well preserved, and, in fact, with the addition of a cotton wick and some olive oil, these lamps can still “light the way” this holiday season.

Although these household objects were meant for everyday use (or should we say for every night use) each oil lamp has its own wonderfully artistic touches, and, therefore, no two are exactly alike. A group of several makes for an interesting display for home or office.

Ancient terra-cotta oil lamps in Choice condition **\$39.50 each**



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Astarte Figurine of the Holy Land

Circa 2nd millennium B.C. terra-cotta Fertility Goddess of the Canaanites, the Sidonians (1 Kgs. 11:5) and the Philistines (1 Sam 31:10). Astarte (Ashtoreth) is the counterpart of Baal, god of storm and fertilizing rain. The Babylonians and the Assyrians knew her by the name Ashtar, goddess of fertility and love. In the Bible she is referred to as the Queen of Heaven (Jer. 7:18). The cult of Astarte was universal in Palestine during the Canaanite period and was also much favored, especially by women, in the Judaeans and Israelite kingdoms.

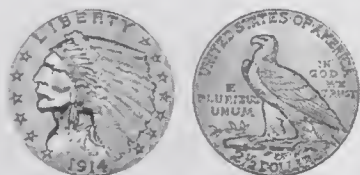
Astarte is represented as a woman, naked, holding her breasts with her hands and wearing a collar. Although thousands of Astarte figurines have been found at most of the excavated sites of the Canaanite and Israelite periods, most are broken and badly chipped. These ancient “dolls” are an exception. Although no two are exactly alike, they measure approximately 6” in height and are absolutely superb, free from repairs and chips. Similar quality Astarte figurines sell at auction from \$500 to \$1500!

2nd Millennium B.C. Astarte “Dolls” **SPECIAL \$225.00 each**

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The American Indian and the Saint Gaudens Four-Piece Gold Type Set



President Theodore Roosevelt was interested in the appearance of our coinage and wanted our money to rival the beauty of the great Greek and Roman coinage of ancient times. In addition, he was intrigued with the romance of the American West. At a White House dinner party, he discussed these ideals with the great sculptor, Augustus St. Gaudens.

St. Gaudens offered Roosevelt two new coin designs. The \$20 "Saint," now regarded as the most beautiful of all American coins, and a \$10.00 coin exhibiting an exquisitely sculpted head of Liberty wearing an Indian war-bonnet.

Another distinguished sculptor, Bela Lyon Pratt, submitted two unique designs for the \$2.50 and \$5.00 gold coins. While each side exhibited a rugged male American Indian and a reverse with a proud standing eagle, the unusual feature of Pratt's design was that the design and lettering were all cut down into the coin, below the surface, in what is called an incuse or intaglio strike.

These four American gold coins were only minted between 1907 and 1933. In 1933, the minting of gold coins was halted completely by the executive order of President Franklin D. Roosevelt who made it compulsory to turn in all gold coins in circulation to the Treasury. As a result, the majority of coins issued were melted into bullion.

We are pleased to offer the popular four-piece type set in Extremely Fine to About Uncirculated condition and feel that at our special offer they represent the best buy in numismatics.

The Saint Gaudens and Indian Head Four-Piece Type Set
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Includes custom plastic holder

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All pre-1921 Morgan Silver Dollars in Choice Brilliant Uncirculated condition. Minted from 1878-1921, the Morgan dollars are the most popular American coin. We just acquired a group of pre-1921 Morgans, each is a frosty white beauty that grades numerically at least Mint State 63. Although "un-slabbed," each is housed in a beautiful plastic holder. Dates of our choice (no 1921's).

Morgan Dollar special in Choice BU condition

\$27.50 each

The American Liberty Four-Piece Gold Type Set

Brought about by the California Gold Rush and the expansion west together with the distrust of paper money, the newly minted gold flowed into the United States Treasury to be minted into gold coins. The economic impact over the next several decades catapulted America into its position as a world powerhouse. Politicians may come and go, but the United States dollar was backed by the one thing that had been trusted since antiquity—pure gold.

The United States minted a splendid series of gold coins featuring Miss Liberty wearing a simple coronet headdress and an eagle with spread wings. We are pleased to offer these majestic gold coins, each in Extremely Fine to About Uncirculated condition. Very few sets are on hand, and at our special price these will not last long.

The Liberty Four-Piece Gold Type Set in select Extremely Fine to About Uncirculated condition.

Includes custom plastic holder

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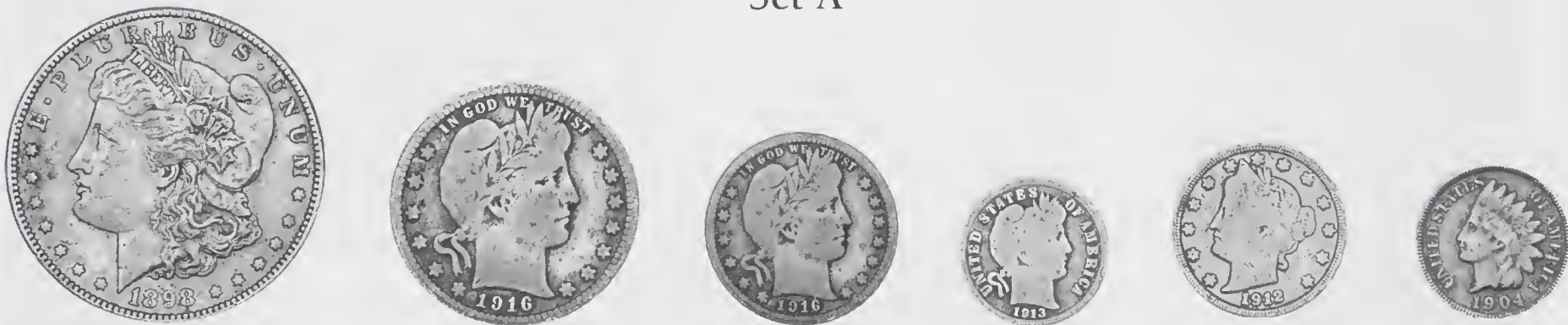


Obsolete United States Coinage

When hard currency meant something these were coins of the realm. While these coins may appear to be quite common among numismatists and those of an older generation, they are seldom seen today and “look weird” to youngsters.

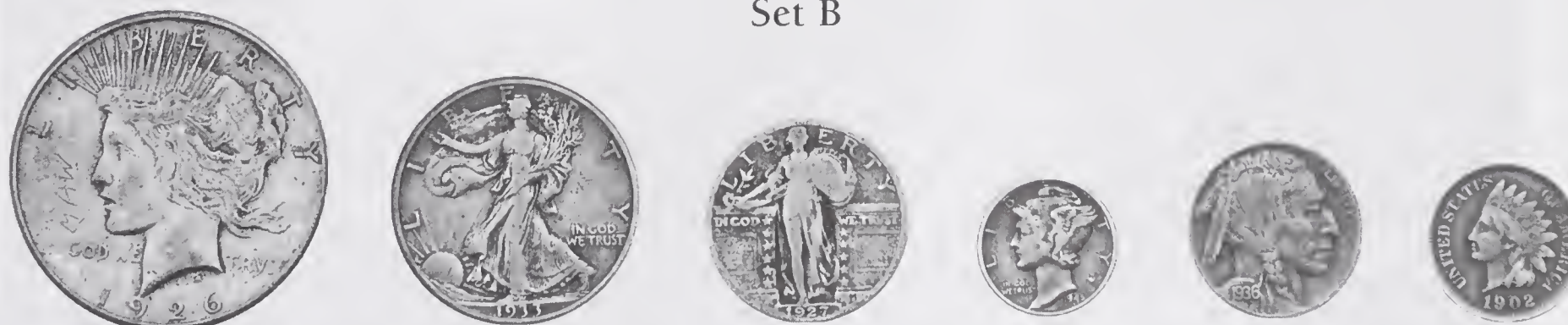
We have seen these type sets being offered in catalogs and on cable TV at prices we would be embarrassed to ask. Therefore, in defense of professional numismatists, we have decided to offer them here at realistic prices. Each set is housed in a clear plastic holder.

Set A

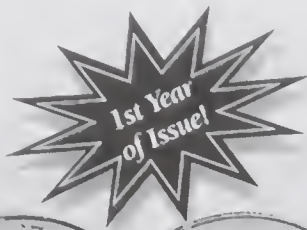


Morgan silver dollar through Indian Cent. Average circulated condition. All coins have full dates and are problem free. Six pieces. \$27.50 per set

Set B



Peace silver dollar through Indian Cent. Average circulated condition. All coins have full dates and are problem free. Six pieces. \$25.00 per set



Platinum Eagle



Gold Eagle



Gold Half Eagle



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are nationally advertised at \$250.00, we want to be realistic. Who knows, with the price of silver likely to rise in the future these might even become a decent investment! In any case, they do make for a great gift. Order yours today!



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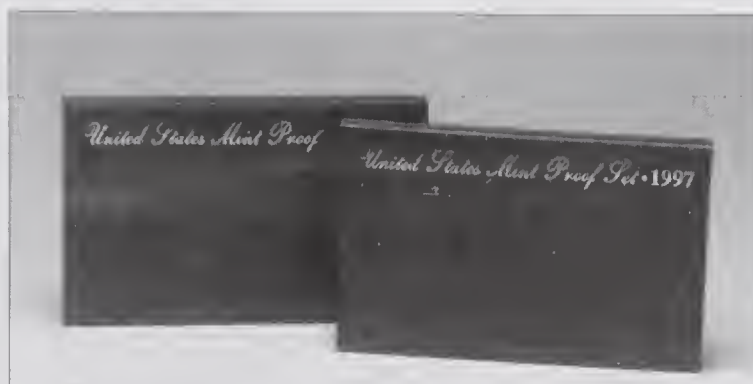
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1997 Proof Set

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1978 Proof Set	\$9.50
1979 Proof Set	\$8.50
1980 Proof Set	\$7.95
1981 Proof Set	\$8.95
1982 Proof Set	\$6.50
1983 Proof Set	\$7.50
1984 Proof Set	\$11.50
1985 Proof Set	\$7.95
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The Charles LeMaire Collection of Costume and Clothing Design

Charles LeMaire (1897-1985), Once a vaudeville performer, began his memorable career creating wardrobes for Broadway shows. His first major commission as a designer came in 1919, when he created a costume sequence for the Ziegfeld Follies. Subsequently, from 1919 until his retirement, LeMaire designed costumes for various Hammerstein operettas, John Ringling North's circus and for 20th Century Fox's Darryl Zanuck. It was Charles LeMaire who initiated the concept that costume designers be included in the annual awards of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. He and his fellow collaborators accordingly received Academy Awards for their work on "All About Eve" (1950), "The Robe" (1953), "The Egyptian" (1954), and "Love is a Many-Splendored Thing" (1955). LeMaire will always be celebrated for his achievements in costume and clothing designs, but more significantly, he will be remembered as the man who won a place of public honor for the art of costume design.

Superior is proud to offer a fine collection of original sketches by this Hollywood legend. Each LeMaire piece is drawn in pencil and water-color and is signed or bears a stamp of authenticity. Each is handsomely matted and ready to be framed. All are in choice, near mint condition and are one-of-a-kind.

Charles LeMaire original sketches

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HOLLYWOOD MEMORABILIA



Stunning Vintage Movie Poster Before "Talkies"



"Lost In A Big City" (1923, Arrow Pictures.). This silent film is a bit of a conundrum. We have consulted the Library of Congress, the American Film Institute Archive Catalog, even the Warner Bros. Archive, but still, it remains a mystery. Indeed, all that is certain is that the "shadow that threatened them" was obscurity.

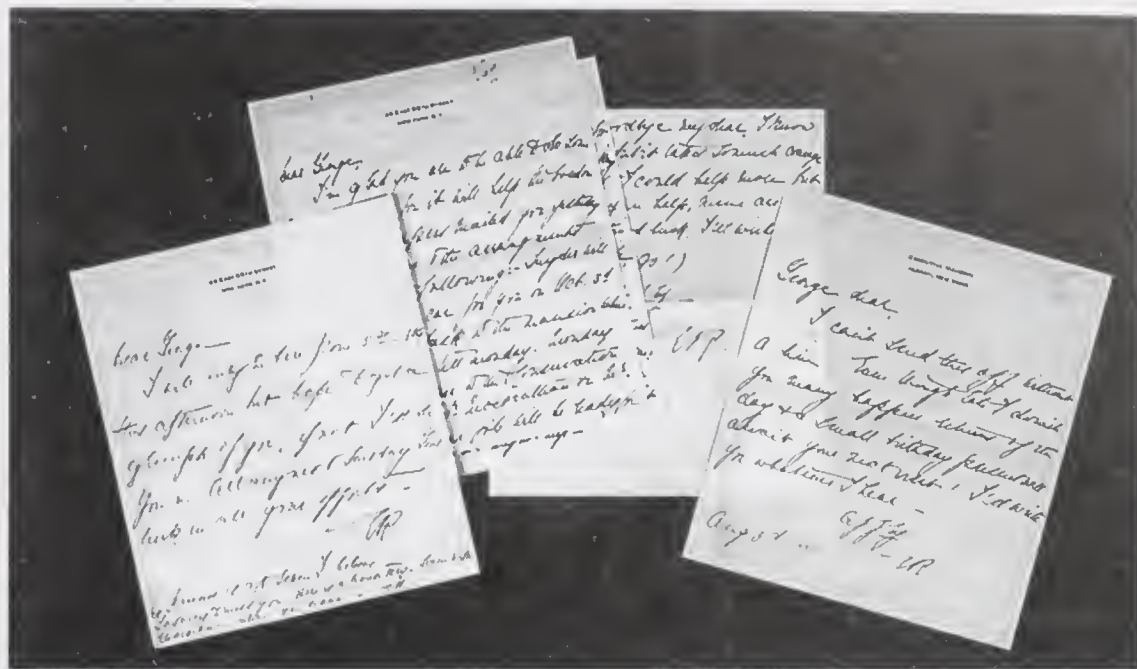
Here we offer brilliantly colored, stunning lithographic original one-sheet posters for the film, which featured John Lowell, "Baby" Ivy Ward and Jane Thomas. All are condition A. A tangible link to the infancy of motion picture production, this beautiful poster is the perfect gift for entertainment executives and enthusiasts alike.

A small quantity of these choice quality movie posters was found stored in the basement of a large Beverly Hills home that was being torn down and rebuilt. We purchased them all and had each piece handsomely matted. Overall Size: 29½ x 43¼".

Lost In A Big City movie posters

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Original Eleanor Roosevelt Autograph Letters Signed



Eleanor Roosevelt (1884-1962) was easily the most influential woman of the 20th century at the time of her death. By taking a position lacking institutional responsibilities or duties and turning it into a base for political action, she revolutionized the role of the First Lady: Eleanor made her place in the White House the female equivalent to Uncle Theodore's "bully pulpit." As she told civil-rights activists Gladys Duncan, "I am in a position where I can do the most good to help the most people."

Here we offer Autograph Letters Signed by the "First Lady of the World," with her initials, "E.R." Each is on either Executive Mansion stationery or on her personal address stationery. Most letters are two to four pages, octavo, and all are addressed to George Marvin. The letters cover a correspondence period from 1931 to 1934.

George Marvin was at Groton Prep School at the same time as FDR. He was either a classmate or staff member at the school, and later became an alcoholic and a nuisance to FDR during his Governorship and Presidency. However, Eleanor never gave up on Marvin. As these letters to him indicate, she had him admitted to a sanitarium, attempted to support him both emotionally and financially, visited him and helped him get a job. These letters certainly show the best side of Eleanor and her personal commitment to a long-time friend.

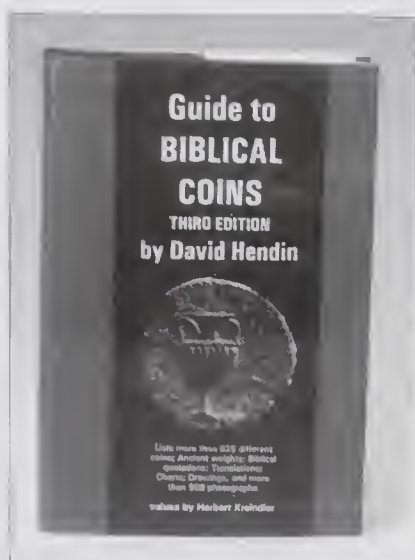
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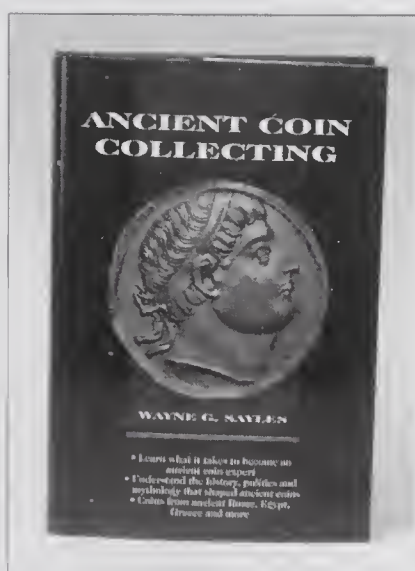
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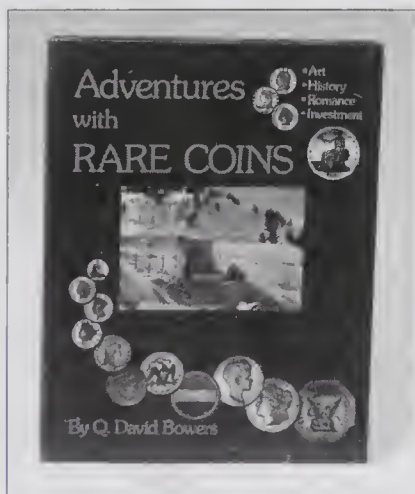
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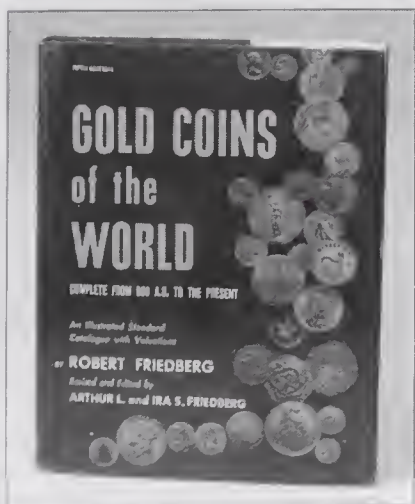
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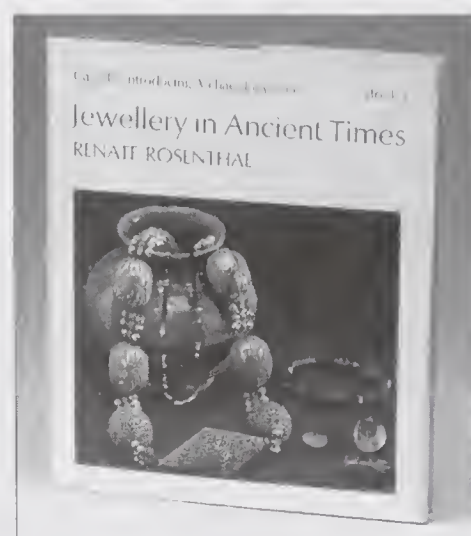
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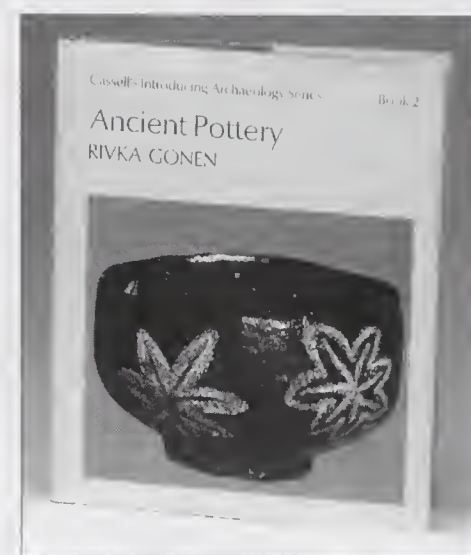
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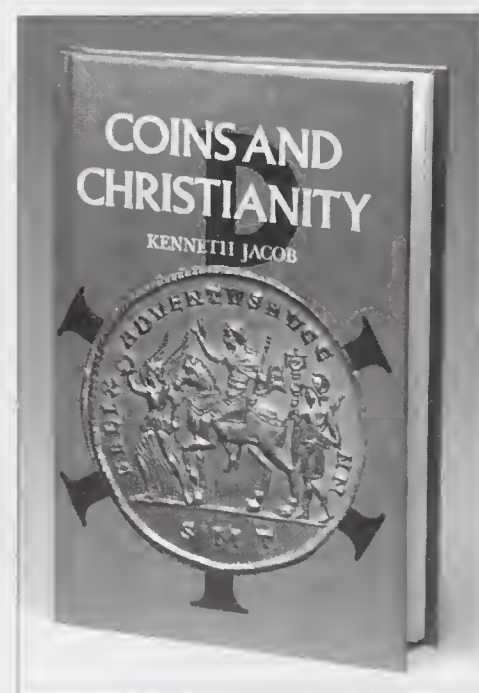


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- 15 Kopeck Monument to the 1917 Victory
- 20 Kopeck Aurora Battleship
- 50 Kopeck Lenin leader of the 1917 Revolution

The total number of sets originally struck was approximately 200,000, with almost 130,000 going to the Soviet citizenry. The remainder of the mintage, approximately 70,000 sets were put away and stored in the vaults of the Central Bank of Russia for 26 years. After the fall of communism, the balance of the stored sets were dispersed. Mezhnumizmatika, the Soviet mint bureau, confirmed in writing, that no other 1967 sets exist.

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